

U. Iowa meeting to launch major operations review

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — A town hall-style meeting at the University of Iowa will launch a far-reaching review of how the state's three public universities could operate more efficiently.

The meeting Friday at Phillips Hall in Iowa City is expected to draw university employees who want more information about the review ordered by the Iowa Board of Regents.

The regents have hired Deloitte at a cost of \$2.5 million to scrutinize every department and recommend ways to cut costs and raise revenue. Program closures, changes in services and sales of assets are all on the table.

Regents say the goal is to eliminate wasteful and unnecessary spending, and use the savings to invest in other education and research priorities. But some of the recommendations could be controversial and some employees are anxious already.